

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Finally, in operation 614, the system reboot is completed with the new settings activated. ~~The~~ It should therefore be understood that new configuration settings are not activated until the system is rebooted in operation 614. Therefore, the configuration settings are not activated at the time the user makes the changes and the changes are saved to the temporary configuration file in operation 606. Upon reboot, the system is initialized in accordance with the new settings, and the method is done.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The method advances to operation 714 where the system is finally shut down and the ~~reboot begins~~ computer is restarted. As described above, the BIOS executes the system initialization. The BIOS reads the host adapter configuration settings from the EEPROM and initializes the system in accordance with those settings. The user, having changed the settings through a GUI in the Windows® environment, is presented with a system in accordance with the new settings, and the method is done.--